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Several colleges are giving free tuition to young men returning from military service.

Chaplain C. T. Davis has just returned from the army and ought to be set to work in a good Baptist field.

It is said that no church or preacher in Texas or Oklahoma accepts alien immersion. Baptist baptism is good enough for them.

The American Version of the "Watch on the Rhine"—a negro soldier with his eye on a plumb watermelon.

With the old year The Christian Index of Georgia completed ninety-eight years of historic service, and Editor Graham nineteen years in his office. He is a true man and great editor.

The Baptist World of December 12th had two fine editorials dealing with the question of secondary schools, emphasizing our need of them. If space permits we hope to reproduce one of them.

The editor this week is with the brethren in the Winter School for preachers and others workers at New Albany. Next week his work is in a similar school at Indianola; next at Laurel, the Lord willing.

Mississippi Baptists gave during December about \$9,000 for the colleges. This in spite of the fact that two of the leading workers, Brethren Gunter and Cooper, beside many other people were in bed with influenza. We will do better in January.

Mr. T. G. Masanyk, who recently sailed to take up his duties as president of the Czechoslovak Republic, has declared himself personally and politically for total abstinence and expresses the hope that this country may soon be entirely under prohibition rule.

Church clerks can get the Church Roll and Record Book from the Baptist Record for \$1.75 postpaid. Church treasurers can get a Treasurer's Book made specifically for their purpose to keep full and accurate accounts with every member of the church, for \$1.60 postpaid.

Sunday was the pastoral anniversary of Rev. W. A. Hewitt at the First Church, Jackson, and the services were arranged with this in mind. It has been a good year with the church and the best is yet before them, for their plans and vision have been greatly enlarged.

There seems to be something like two hundred students at Mississippi College since the holidays and others will come. They have begun the real work of the school session and will push it vigorously to the end. Among those who have returned are some who were in the army in other places.

Rev. Chas. T. Davis who had been chaplain in the army is now at Clinton and ready for church work. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and of Fort Worth Seminary. He has also had experience in pastoral work and would make some pastorless church in Mississippi a mighty good pastor. He is immediately available.

Dr. Gambrell says: "Let it be writ large, Texas Baptists are not supporting schools simply to make a contribution to the education of the country. They are putting their money into education to make a contribution to the kingdom of God first of all, and through the dissemination of Christianity, to help everything good in the world.

Texas Baptist Convention will put thirteen evangelists into the state work at once; and they are out for one million dollars in February for their schools. This money is to be secured by the sale of bonds bearing six per cent. interest.

The Baptist Advance says that the Y. M. C. A.'s own figures show that they spent over five million dollars for tobacco and over half a million for playing cards from July, 1917 to August, 1918. We suppose this means for resale to the soldiers.

Pastor Wall announced on Sunday that \$1,000 had been contributed to the proposed new church house by Mrs. Bobo of Lyon. This generous gift and others which Brother Wall feels are coming will put heart into the church and stimulate them to sacrificial giving.

A half dozen years ago we knew a family in which there was a grown son who had an incurable disease. In spite of these facts he got a life insurance policy. In a short while he died and his father collected the amount from the insurance company. Shortly after this his sister died; then his mother; then his father; then his brother. "God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The St. Charles Avenue Church of New Orleans, passed resolutions full of the highest praise for their retiring pastor, Dr. B. P. Robertson, who accepts field work for the Baptist Bible Institute. Dr. Robertson was one of the best pastors of the South and has already by his good business insight been of invaluable assistance to the Institute and we know of few men who equal him in his chosen work.

Forget God? How could we? How could anybody forget Him. Are not the evidences of His presence and power on every hand. "Since the creation of the world, the invisible things of Him are clearly seen, being manifested by the things that are made." Is not His goodness and mercy so great and so constant as to prevent any forgetting of Him. And yet so large a part of the race forget Him. We are all so prone to forget. How little is He in men's minds. We still need to say to our souls, "Forget not all His benefits." We still need the injunction of the disciple of long ago: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."

We appreciate the following kind expressions from the Baptist Courier and the Baptist and Reflector respectively. But we are glad to say to these good brethren that they "can't lose us." Courier: Dr. P. I. Lipsey is the present editor of The Record and under his management the paper has maintained its high place with Southern Baptist papers. We sincerely regret to see him retire from our editorial brotherhood for he is one of the most lovable and courteous of the whole fraternity. Baptist and Reflector: The Baptist Record of Mississippi has been purchased by the State Convention and will be operated by the State Board of Missions. We are sorry to lose Editor P. I. Lipsey from our ranks—that is, if he does not continue in charge under the new management. He has done great things for his state in bringing things worth while to the attention of the brotherhood. His paper has always stood for clear-cut opinions and loyalty to Baptist doctrines. It is yet to be seen what shall be the best relationship the denominational paper must have with the denomination in order that the paper may live and do its work.

The best way to overcome the pernicious effect of bad literature is to sow the land down with good literature.—Ex.

Mrs. R. A. Kimbrough, wife of the Blue Mountain pastor, is convalescing of an operation at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Pray that wisdom be given those who sit in the Peace Conference at Versailles, and that the directing hand of God be upon them.

In the 20 county Sunday School Normals, 500 awards were given to those who stood examination of the text books in the training course. It was previously reported as 50.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, known all over the world as an evangelist, also moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, died Christmas day as the result of an operation.

Tennessee Baptists who combined in their last Convention their educational and missionary work under one board are out for \$300,000 by February 1st, for their colleges.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness has been asked to accompany the committee of 200 who go to study condition of the suffering people of Western Asia, to sail about the middle of this month.

Oklahoma did as Mississippi, their Baptist Convention purchased the paper, Baptist Messenger, and continued Editor Stealey. Dr. S. J. Porter is chairman of the Board of Publication.

The Sunday School Board delivered in Mississippi in December 15 diplomas, four red seals, one blue seal and two post-graduate diplomas. No state with the same number of Baptists approaches Mississippi's record in this matter.

Rev. M. R. Cooper returns to Mississippi after a sojourn of several years in Virginia. He comes to Shelby, succeeding Brother Farr now pastor at Gloster. We welcome him home and wish for him great joy in his work in the Delta.

We publish in the Record this week an article by Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel on "Government and Religion" which is one of the clearest, strongest and justest protests against the government meddling in religion, we have ever read. Be sure you do not miss it.

A twelve-inch snow is something new in this part of the world. Maybe you found there was delay in several of the usual occurrences of your life including arrival of the Baptist Record. The old horse that usually carries the paper to the postoffice was snow-bound.

Georgia Baptists propose to raise in five years two million dollars for Christian Education, two hundred thousand for their hospital, one hundred and fifty thousand for ministerial relief, and one hundred and fifty thousand for the orphans' home. Go to it and God bless you.

At the recent meeting of the Mississippi Conference of our Methodist brethren a committee of seventeen was appointed to decide the question of a Methodist Hospital for this territory. Meetings have recently been held by the committee in Jackson where several of the members live and sub-committees were appointed, among them one to decide on location. Hattiesburg is spoken of favorably, Jackson and Meridian also being mentioned. They want four acres of land on a car line in a good railroad center. We wish them good success in this worthy work.

THE LOCAL CHURCH AFTER THE WAR

(BY ZENO WALL)

(A paper read before the ministers' meeting in Meridian and asked for publication by a vote of the body.)

The subject which your committee asked me to discuss at this hour was: "The Local Church and War Work," but since the armistice has been signed and the first rays of peace are beginning to appear on the eastern skies it seemed to me that a discussion of the Local Church After the War would be more profitable, hence with your permission, I shall discuss, in a brief manner, that subject.

THE LOCAL CHURCH.

The Local Church. How musical that word, and how suggestive! When one says, Local Church a picture instantaneously comes to your mind of a band of redeemed souls—the called out ones—souls which have turned away from sin to their Savior, away from darkness to light banding themselves together for the purpose of fellowship and training in order that they might be better fitted to carry out Christ's world conquest program. During the titanic struggle which has just come to an end this institution has, for the most part, been overlooked. It has, in a way, dropped out of sight. Certain organizations, the existence of which have depended almost entirely upon the churches for their workers and funds have been prominently featured—widely advertised—while the churches have been severely criticised and their failures dwelt upon by certain speakers and writers. Some of our churches needed to be criticised because they have done but little toward uplifting the world, but in most places they have done their part nobly during the dark and stressful months through which they and we have been slowly passing, hence most of them will be able to come out of this world-wide conflict with clear consciences. They have been thrown wide open to the Red Cross Workers, the Liberty Loan, the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. and the United War Work drives; they have given their boys and stayed behind to pray for and encourage them, and today they are keeping the home and church fires burning for them; they have given their pastors, their teachers, superintendents and other members to go out as chaplains, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. workers. They have given, without stint, their finest workers and most valuable gifts and by so doing they made possible the work which the different organizations have done in our camps and cantonments on this side, and Over There. They have done a work which, we and they are proud of, but not a work, the bigness of which would justify their forgetting the mother institutions which have given them life and made their continued existence possible. One Y. M. C. A. speaker recently said that he hoped the Presbyterian church—his church—and Presbyterianism would, after this war, sink into hell where it belonged; and if the workers in the division where I labored for nearly a year are representative men in that organization why I would be safe in saying that there are hundreds of men in this same organization who feel toward the churches very much like the man just quoted. The only comfort that comes to me when I hear and read such statements is that they are, as a rule, weak men exerting but little influence. When a boy turns his back upon his mother and begin to curse her why he at once forfeits his self-respect and his ability to do any good in his community or anywhere else, and so with the man who turns his back upon his church. In this age when nearly all nations are fighting and clamoring for democracy some churches it is true, will be compelled to change their form of government, and their manner of worship, and it is the

members of these churches together with certain men in some of our popular organizations who are saying that the churches have failed, but churches which are already democratic, independent, spiritual and the champions of liberty need not be at all apprehensive. They have not failed.

Our churches in the South have been weak in many places, but despite their weakness and poverty they have sent out many fine workers, and have helped create a social life which is both attractive and effective.

THE CAMP.

Dr. Odell in his recent book: "The New Spirit of the New Army," has this to say about Camp Hancock, Ga., and that camp is not an exception in the South: "I would rather intrust the moral character of my boy to that camp than any college or university I know. I am convinced that something more than climate, determined the choice of those Southern States as the sites for the majority of our camps and cantonments." And so am I. God wanted the people from other sections to come in contact with a people whose faith in God is firm, whose loyalty to Jesus Christ is outstanding, whose belief in the Bible is strong and genuine, whose souls are warm in the love of Christ, and twenty-four thousand of whose churches are after the New Testament order—simple, democratic, independent, liberty loving and spiritual. America has the most vigorous type of Christianity in the world. The South is more concerned about Christianity than any other section of our great country hence is more largely influenced by it. America has the most vigorous type of Christianity because there has been, what we might term, wholesome competition among our churches. The different denominations have, in the language of the accountant, double checked each other. In the language of Uncle Sam they have been secret service men ready to step in and quietly arrest that which attempted to travel in the wrong direction. The great ocean, girt within the law of gravitation, is kept pure by its constant activity. The religious life of our great nation, held within the embrace of our various evangelical denominations, is kept pure and vigorous by the industry, enterprise, foresight and scriptural emphasis of each.

DANGERS OF UNION.

The saddest and darkest day for Christianity came when there was but one denomination in the world—The Roman Catholic Church. Martin Luther, when he nailed his ninety-five theses to the church door in Wittenburg October 31, 1517, issued a religious declaration of war which will remain in force until every country is freed from the autocratic church of Rome, or any other organization which seeks to destroy the liberty and independence which Christ vouches safe to all. The independent local church is in my judgment, the greatest institution in the world, and has done more than any other organization or institution in this country toward creating this the most wonderful of all nations in the world. God so ordained it. From 1630 on the early settler's in America began to clamor for a free church, independent commercial life, and a separate civil life. The Plymouth settler's were the first in the world to actually incorporate the principle of the separation of Church and State, now so widely accepted and popular, out from which innumerable blessings have flowed. These early settlers were not rich in worldly goods, but they enriched our land with spiritual riches whose glory brightens and beautifies this old world, as the years roll on. The independent local church was the most valuable treasure they gave to America. The local church, therefore, is to be

the future of our nation is to be secure. Let me compassionately loved and jealously guarded if say then, in the first place, that one of the biggest jobs of the local church, after the war, is to so mobilize its forces and resources as to enable it to stand, and if need be, fight for its maintenance and usefulness. There has been a certain man in the employ of our government who said when certain orders were issued, that the destruction of denominational lines was in mind.

CHURCHES WILL EXIST.

If he is ignorant of the price we paid for the winning of religious liberty why we ought to pray the prayer of Jesus on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Brethren, has the time come for our great denominations to pass away? If they have served their day, and an other organization can do the work of the Lord better why hold on to them? Let us, like John be willing to decrease and to see our churches decrease if by so doing we can see Christ increasing, but if we do not see him being fully represented by other organizations why we better hold on to what we have until we get other orders from heavenly headquarters. As long as we have Christ as the head of our local churches, the Holy Spirit in the world, Bibles freely distributed and widely read, common sense in our heads, consciences in good working order, a compassion for liberty which Christ offers every man, nation and institution we will have churches after the New Testament order—little democracies over all of this world of ours, as we have right here in America.

POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

The world has been at war in a struggle for ideals. Certain nations—autocratic and heartless—have tried to over-run and overthrow the democratic and sympathetic nations, at which job they have miserably and utterly failed. The whole world has rebelled against the one man form of government in the political world, and the peoples of the earth will continue to make war against the one man form of government in the spiritual world until the Pope abdicates—forfeits his boasted right to dominate people by feigning infallibility. Political freedom and religious freedom rise or fall together. One cannot be enthroned while the other is dethroned without destroying our democratic life. The State and Church must grow and flourish at the same time each independent of the other yet in harmony and sympathy.

THE CHURCH FREE.

This condition of society is the goal of democracy—the herculean task to which both the state and the church must intelligently and sympathetically address themselves. For one organization to say what the church can preach and what they cannot preach is to give to that organization power and a knife which will be used in cutting the main artery in our democratic body. For our government to employ men as officers as chaplains and give them power to say what shall be preached and what shall not be preached is to strike religious freedom a stunning blow, and to tramp the Declaration of Independence under foot. The civil authorities must, I know, stand ready to suppress propaganda which looks to the destruction of life or property, but for a general to say to the ablest and best preachers of a great denomination that you cannot tell my men that they are lost, and for a senior chaplain at one of our base hospitals in this country to tell a group of chaplains who had gone there to visit the sick that he was glad to have them, but that they must not say one word to the men about being lost, or about hell, is, let me say, a condition that is alarming. One of the big jobs after this war for the churches is to stand and contend for the separation of church and state, and an equal recognition of the religious forces and denomination in this country. The Roman Catholic church pulled one over on the protestant denominations during the war which is just closing. We must, my brethren, see to it that it never occurs again, and that each denomination is free

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to follow its members to the jumping-off place, and if they desire, jump-off with those whom they love.

CHRIST OUR LEADER.

We must, in the second place, after the war, see to it that that organization which said it would represent us during the war, but did not and can not, shall not try to represent us again. Friends, the world has arrived at that place where its free peoples will not stand for a Kaiser in the political world, nor will they stand for it in the spiritual world. Jesus Christ is the generalissimo of the spiritual armies. He is the one who leads ours, and is the only one we will ever recognize. Our obedience to Him must be true, loyal and supreme.

CHURCH PRIDE.

We must, after the war, see to it that our churches are built up and strengthened—beautified and spiritualized. Let's see to it that our churches are at least attractive if we cannot make them beautiful. Let's clean off around them, put in the new window-panes which are needed, fix the door so it will open and shut easily, paint the inside, cell it, or put on new plaster as the case demands, scrub the floors, have the honor roll in some prominent place and the pictures of those from your church who have died either in the camps or across the seas at some place on your church walls where the returning soldiers can easily see them. May the Little Brown Church in the Vale have its best suit on when the boys come home. May it be warm and cheerful. Our attention has, necessarily, been upon other things and other organizations, but as sure as we are here today we must turn out attention to our churches if we would properly impress our boys when they come home. We must see to it, too, that they are both social and spiritual. Choirs, have your choicest songs, teachers have your lessons well prepared and pastors have your best sermons so that when the service is over the boys will say: "There is no place like home and the home church." Pastors, your boys believe you are the best preachers in the world anyhow. I used to have them come to me after I had tried to preach and say: "Chaplain, that made me think of my pastor. Gee, but I wish I could be at home today and hear him." Our boys love the home church and pastor. They know you and their church are not slackers. The three most potent influences in the soldier boys life for good are: mother, sweetheart and church.

The three most wonderful moments in his life are: When he says farewell to the home folks, when he says good-bye to his country as his boat slips away from our shore, and when he goes over the top for the first time, and the fourth will be when he comes marching home. The war hasn't made him forget home, nor sweetheart, nor has it made him forget his home church, thank God. A compassionate welcome awaits him at home, a royal welcome is in store for him at the door of his sweetheart, and a hearty and enthusiastic welcome must await him at his home church. We, too, love the church, and may we never be satisfied until it becomes the Glorious Church which Christ has ordained that it should be, without spot or wrinkle, holy and without blemish.

"I love Thy Church, O God;

Her walls before thee stand,

Dear as the apple of thine eye,

And graven on thy hand."

Our local church, after the war, must put on a missionary and educational program which will supply the workers and funds which the shell-torn and idolatry ridden world calls for. No other organization can obey our heavenly commission, nor can it heed our earthly call. Our program for home and foreign missions must run into the millions, and we must give new workers by the hundreds. Our Methodist brethren, God bless them, are going out for eighty millions for home and foreign missions. We have more members than they. Shall our program be less than theirs? The Y. M. C. A. has already made out a world-wide program, and is now recruiting missionaries and workers accordingly. Our boys

will come back with a world vision, ready to help us in carrying out our world vision and program. We, therefore, dare not be little now. We must be kingdom men. But if we have the right kind of kingdom men our Christian schools must occupy a big place in our world program.

If we fail to provide well for our Christian schools—our colleges and seminaries—we may expect our people to fall to the appeal of the latitudinarianist—the happy-hall-well-met Christian worker who says,—"Come on friend let's all be One. Never mind the Old Book. Take a cup of chocolate, fight like a man, and God will save you." We must, therefore school our people or be swamped by other people. Gen. Foch at the most critical hour for democracy, waited and organized his armies, and so must we organize and educate them we will take. Which shall it be? Our churches, too, must put their finances on the scriptural basis. Every member must give regular and liberal, and many of our people must sell their property and lay it down at the apostles' feet. Once each year we must have a great educational and financial campaign—a campaign when our people shall be informed by word of mouth, and through our denominational papers as to what we are doing, what we propose to do and the result of our expenditures at which time a free-will offering shall be made to the Lord's work, for the hungry of the earth must be fed, clothed and evangelized. Our churches, after the war, must continue the prohibition fight until America and the world is free from the blight of whiskey. Our denominational papers must go to the homes of our flocks. We must preach salvation by Christ, showing the folly of salvation by Khaki, by courtesy, and culture. We must, like a big friend, stand between capital and labor pointing each in the right direction until the activity of each is inspired by the Golden Rule. We must stand for co-operation with all Christians and organizations where no principle is involved. We must not be selfish and boastful, but meek and sympathetic. We must be firm, but friendly; we must contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints, but we must not be little and contentious. It is going to be hard for us to be true to our Lord and his teachings and keep from losing our patience with our mother-hubbered-union-at-any-price brethren. Just remember that God has and does use both. Our boys are coming back with new ideas—many of them unscriptural. Many of them will, perhaps, return with some very bad habits.

Brethren, we must be patient with them, slowly and lovingly pointing out the more perfect way. They have done their best for us, and nothing short of our best for them will compensate. They will be constantly making suggestions to you regarding the Lord's work. Listen carefully to them, thank them for their interest in the Lord's work, and if their suggestions are good ones, and not in violation to the scriptures, why adopt them. They have, we must remember, been attending school at the University of the World, and their vision will never be narrowed down to their own locality anymore. We must help them, and use them, for many of them have already responded to the call of God to preach. We are going to need great wisdom, clear vision, the spirit of toleration and co-operation, true scriptural knowledge and long-suffering patience during the coming days. To your knees then my brethren for heavenly wisdom, to your studies for practical knowledge, and to your Gospel guns for conquering power, for a world-wide spiritual battle is on and the gospel is our main implement of warfare.

"Some hearts may brood upon the past,
But ours with smiling futures glisten.

Lo, now the dawn breaks upon the sky,
Lean out your soul, and listen."

FROM FRANCE.

(Lt. P. I. Lipsey.)

My present address is "Corner Herold und Riga Strass." I have two German signs crossed on my Christmas hall-tree, just outside my dugout. I wish you could see that hall tree, with my helmet, gas mask and one or two salvaged raincoats

hanging on it and two bayonets sticking in it and these two German signs propped up on it. You see the Dutchman had all his paths and byways posted with "strass" signs. In the adjacent town—in ruins—can be seen American signs on top of German signs, on top of French signs, somewhat in this manner: "Rue Grande," nailed over that, "Reichardt St." and posted in front of that, now, "Pershing St." In all these towns where the Germans spent the last four winters, over some big building is painted "Soldatenheim," and without investigating I would say it must be sort of a soldiers' club. All signs are painted by thoroughly skilled sign painters, absolutely finished work, further demonstrating German thoroughness. All bridges are numbered, like "Bruke 49," and roads leading out of towns are marked as to where they lead, like, "nach Verdun." I have seen German signs indicating probably some headquarters or tactical position, like "Mi. Ra. Ri zum M. G." turned around and an American sign painted on the reverse side, say a red cross and a finger pointing to "Dressing Station No." or "Walking Wounded." Lots of signs have a string of mouth-filling words ending in "verboten." I wish I could understand what they say.

I took quite an interesting scouting trip yesterday afternoon, with Pot. Caddish, one of my runners. It is forbidden to cross our present front lines and I'll say that "I didn't see no lines," but I'll say also that the army of souvenir pickers hadn't been where I was. Our front and the old "No Man's Land" in this sector is all heavily wooded. Neither one of us had as much as a knife for a weapon, but we were not out to kill anybody. We got into and picked our way through lots of German "bob" wire and obstacles. We finally located—all this in thick woods—quite a number of machine gun nests, some marked "M. G. Nest, Kurtz" Kurtz, I imagine being the name of officer or N. C. O. in charge of the position. Isn't "nest" the same in English and German? I also discovered a sniping and observation post in top of an oak tree and climber up to same—by means of nailed strips—to look it and the "landscape o'er." Near the top was one platform large enough to support a machine gun and two men. Right up in the top twigs was a small platform, just large enough for two big feet, and on this I stood clinging and swaying and thinking of my barefoot days in the pecan tree tops, and looked around. There was a pretty good view toward and upon our own lines probably 1400 yards back. They probably were looking at us pretty straight, a month ago. I looked carefully to see if the suckers had left anything I might pick up as a souvenir, but they hadn't. So right there in the very top of that German O. P. I picked off one of the tree's few remaining leaves and place it in a small memo. book in my pocket. I'll try to enclose it in this letter.

Right close here the Germans had given decent burial to one of our boys who got tangled in their wire while out on patrol about a month ago, and of course, got a load of M. G. bullets. On a right decent plain cross was clearly printed with pencil "Frank Hawkins, Co. M. 34 F. R." The last—"F. R." is the German's usual form, infantry regiment. It looks like an F but it must be an I. Somewhat the same is shown in the message I picked up in the path leading there to what the sign pointed toward, as "V. T. K."—whatever that happens to be. As you see by the enclosed message, "L. G. R. III" (Landwehr Infantry Rgt.) the I doesn't look like an I. But I am sure it is in both cases.

Well, we went on through the woods to where signs indicated "V. T. K." following a winding path through myriads of strands of tangled wire. We finally located quite several concrete dugouts, though so well concealed they were we almost stepped upon them before seeing some of them. Say those birds were safer than if they had been in Berlin! Level with the ground toward the front, and three to five feet thickness of solid concrete! We didn't even have a match but I wasn't going to pass up that chance. Maybe they were full of Germans—dead or alive—but I

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EDITORIAL.

A JEALOUS GOD.

Others did not say it of him, He says it of himself. "I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God." We are not to associate necessarily jealousy with littleness, or meanness, or selfishness. Jealousy is a necessary attendant of holiness. There can be no holy character without corresponding reaction in aversion to sin. He who loves righteousness will inevitably hate iniquity. But jealousy is more personal in its claims and resentment. God not only has a right to be jealous but it is right for him to be jealous. Not to maintain his right in the matter of what is due to him is to destroy righteousness and enthrone wrong. Not to give God first place in the universe and in all our thinking is to put everything out of place and to turn all to confusion.

But the jealousy of God is not in reference to his own person but on behalf of his people, his church. This shows itself in the conduct of God toward his people when they go astray, and toward those who mistreat his people or his church. The worst offense of which God's people can be guilty of is to forget him and turn from him in their hearts, to cease to love him and to become enamored of some other object. The first two of the ten commandments are directed against this sin and intended to prevent it. "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image....Thou shalt not bow down to them nor serve them, for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children."

Jesus interprets and sums up the first commandment thus: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Any failure to do this provokes him to jealousy. God's feeling toward his people is declared in Hosea 2:19-20; "I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord." When this relationship is disregarded, he says, "Do ye think that the scripture says in vain that the Spirit which he made to dwell in us yearneth for us even to jealousy."

Again the jealousy of God is provoked not only by the conduct of his people, but by the conduct of others toward his people; and, in the New Testament, his people means his church. This is shown in his dealing with Pharaoh and Egypt when the cry of oppressed Israel came up to him. Again witness his wrath visited upon Babylon, upon Moab and Edom for their treatment of his chosen. The same is seen in his rebuke of Saul as he stops him from persecuting the church with the rebuke, "Why persecutest thou me?" God is said to have purchased the church with his own blood. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church. The church is his bride. We cannot honor God in anything that

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dishonors the church. We cannot more quickly arouse his displeasure than by any act which discredits the church. We can not serve God acceptably by acts or organizations which ignore or disparage the church.

In view of these scriptures and facts is it surprising that those who love the church as the bride of Christ, as the very body of Christ should feel jealous of its honor when so many other self-appointed and human institutions are threatening to supplant it in the affections or offerings of his people, or being offered as substitutes for and superior agencies for doing its work. We stand ready to do proper credit to any benevolent order for the good it does! we willingly pay our respects to any Christian association, young or old, male or female; we tip our hats to any "foundation" for philanthropic endeavor, but our duty our whole duty and our devotion is to the church of Jesus Christ, his bride, his body, "the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

I love thy Church, O God,
Her walls before thee stand
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand,
For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.
Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

ADVERTIZING RELIGION.

This is an age of advertizing, of seeking the widest publicity and the most striking method of getting the attention of the people to what you are trying to do or offering to sell. We speak of the advertizing section of a paper, but in the wider sense the whole of a paper is an effort to give publicity and currency to or to secure the acceptance of certain facts or truths.

Religion is not altogether different in this matter from other forms of business. It is helpless with the means of approach and the agencies of publicity. It was Jesus who said, "Proclaim it upon the housetop." His last message was, "Go ye into all the world." There could hardly be a more striking picture in any advertizing columns than that of the angel (Rev. 14:6) flying "in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, etc." Jesus sought the places where the most men were to be found, the temple, the synagogue, the streets, the seashore, the crowded, busy cities. You will find Paul following the same plan. The truth must be gotten to the people, must be carried by the best available circulating medium. How gladly would those early apostles and evangelists have utilized the printing press and kept it busy with their message for the world. How foolish of us if we are slow to use it in multiplying our efficiency in His work and enlarging our sphere of operation.

And yet after all this is said one passage of scripture comes up to caution against an exclusive or too great reliance on even the best methods of publicity. Advertising should not be our first concern. We must first have the goods. The scripture referred to is in the twelfth chapter of Matthew: "He shall not strive nor cry aloud; neither shall any one bear his voice in the streets." This was the best and most approved method of advertizing or publicity of that time. This does not mean that Jesus avoided publicity or abjured the ordinary means of moving men and ministering to them. But the preceding verse does show that he did not rely primarily upon even the best means of publicity. That verse reads: "Behold my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my Spirit upon him, and he shall declare judgment to the Gentiles."

There is a comparison here stated in absolute terms. The meaning is that publicity is not suf-

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ficient in itself, may even be a blunder and an obstacle to the work. The one essential thing is a real message and a qualified messenger. He must in very deed be a servant of God, come to do God's will. He must be in close touch with God, his beloved in whom his soul is well pleased. And then he must have the Spirit of God upon him. These are the essential things. Having these, the expression or the right method will come easy. Without these all the avenues of publicity will only advertise our emptiness and failure.

Jesus was in this as in everything our example and our model. The largest success of the work depends upon the fulfillment of the conditions indicated above, a real servant of God, in vital touch with Him and endowed with His Spirit. If this is done it will take the strain out of our work and the distressful stress out of our preaching. We won't have to be uneasy about results. We won't have to beat the pulpit till it is bruised, nor yell at the top of our voices to get the people to hear us. We won't have to put our pictures in the windows to draw a crowd, nor boost ourselves in the papers. We won't have to tell what immense crowds we are going to have. A soul comforted, a man saved will draw the people. If we have the goods and can deliver them, the people will come to get the spiritual nourishment and inspiration which our ministry affords. But this applies not simply to the preacher in the pulpit. The church itself is the body of Christ, the fulness of Him who filleth all in all. The whole church and not some official representative of it will do this work. If we have a spirit filled church in living, loving fellowship with God, doing the work of God, we can have a preacher of that kind, and incidentally it might save us a good sum of money spent in advertizing and hifalutin but unnecessary paraphernalia.

FORGET IT.

No, this is not slang, though it has the form and may wear the clothes. And then we have heard worse language than some things that pass as slang. You will find something much like it in the Bible: forfeiting the things that are behind. A good many of them we should be glad to forget; some we should be the better for forgetting as we start out upon a new year of life. Not to multiply words or examples or firstlies and secondlies; there are some standards of conduct which may have been helpful to us in the past which would be a hindrance to us in the future. That which has been of great advantage in enabling us to improve heretofore, may be an impediment to our progress hereafter. We must not tie ourselves to the past. The stake which has marked our progress in the past might become one to hold us bound for the future. Life is a growth and should be from good to better. We must say with Paul "I count not myself to have attained....I press on."

Habit is more often spoken of as a curse than a blessing. It means a thing that holds us in its grip; that will not let us go unless we violently break away. Many a man has let himself become satisfied with his standard of giving formed in the days of comparative poverty. He has grown in other ways, but he still clings to his old fixed contribution. It will require a violent mental and moral struggle to get away from the habit that holds him and limits his usefulness. If it could only occur to him that he could do much better, that he ought to do it, he would be a bigger, better and happier man for the victory over himself. We will grow better or worse; we can only grow better by struggling against self, to buffet our bodies, beat them black and blue, to mortify the flesh. Many men and women need to get so far away from the old standards as utterly to forget them.

HOW THINGS WORK.

If you have the habit of hunting the text at the beginning of the sermon you will locate it in the eighth chapter of Romans, where there are a whole lot of other good things. To get the words above in their right connection read the sentence: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." One of the marvels of science, that branch of science which has to do with the material universe, or the psychic either for that matter, is that the universe is stored with energy. This energy is always at work or gets to work whenever it is untied. Even the deadest in appearance and apparently the most motionless has and exerts its power over others, over all others. The world we live in is dynamic and no part of it is static. You may take the words literally: "All things work." We speak of chemical action, of the attraction of gravitation, of electrical action and now a popular new term is radio activity. It is probable we are just in the A B C of such knowledge. The living God is working constantly in and through the things which He has made. It is true that in Him we live and move and have our being. It is true also that in us and in all the created universe He lives and moves and expresses His being.

It is further true that all things work together, work in harmony with one another, under the control of one Master Mind. Things do not go haphazard in God's universe. They do not work at cross purposes. To do otherwise would be to contradict the very meaning of the word universe and our conception of God. In spite of the many apparent conflicts in nature and providence; in spite of things seeming out of tune or out of gear, if we wait long enough and look deep enough we will see the purpose of God working its way out in them all.

"From harmony, from harmony this universal frame began;

From harmony to harmony through all the course it ran,

The Diapason ending full in man."

Our daily, commonplace life furnishes frequent demonstration of how things work together. When you sit down to breakfast, even the simplest repast, you will be amazed at the number of people and agencies which have been set work to prepare your food. Not the cook alone, but the people who grew or made all the material that went into each article, and back of these the people who made the implements for producing these, and the people who transported all the materials ad infinitum. It took a thousand people working together all unknown to themselves and unknown to one another to make a single biscuit. It could not have been made without them.

If this is true in reference to each article of our daily diet, how shall we calculate the forces that go into the making of our lives and our characters. There is no limit to this co-operation. All things work together. From one end of the universe to the other, "the whole creation," from eternity to eternity, "foreordained to be conformed to the image of His Son," there is no force, physical or spiritual, but has worked, is working and will work in harmony to complete God's purpose concerning us.

This does not mean that beneficent results will come to all men as a result of this universal co-operation. At least the scripture does not say so. But it does say that the results will be good to them who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. What is good for them could not in the nature of things be good for those who were at enmity with God. The universe is not run for the exaltation of wickedness or rewarding the doers of iniquity. To love God is to bring a man into position to make everything contribute to his development and joy. And this because they are called of God, called according to His purpose and in line with that purpose. "For all things are yours, the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's."

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

A little boy of five years had shut himself by accident in the bath room from which there was no exit except by the one door which he had closed. The spring lock was on the inside and it was not possible to unlock it from the outside. When he found what had happened, he became hysterical and jumped up and down by the door screaming at the top of his voice. His father and mother ran to his assistance but were helpless at first because he was too frightened to listen to their directions. At last by calling and persuading they induced him to be still and listen. They then told him how to move the latch which he did and was soon released. God himself cannot help us unless we will stop and listen.

There are times which specially and severely try men's ability to grip themselves and to hold the needle in life's compass steadfast to the pole of its true purpose. It must have been such a time which gave birth to the forty-sixth Psalm. The Psalmist speaks of the heaving earth, the trembling mountains, of their being shaken into the heart of the seas, and of the troubled and roaring waters. He describes the raging nations, kingdoms being moved, of the melting globe. In the midst of this he recalls himself to God as his refuge. He even survives all this colossal commotion, and looks upon "the desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth. He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder. He burneth the chariots in the fire." Then he hears anew the voice of God saying: "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

If God must he will halt men with a universal, all-embracing cyclone, till the earth is laid waste, that they may be compelled to hear His voice and recognize Him as Lord of all. Somebody has written an excellent little devotional book called "The Still Hour." It would seem that this year 1919, when so large a part of the earth lies in ruins, and peace has now come to furnish an opportunity for thinking on what God hath wrought, that for us all this should be the still year, the year when we may get our bearings before God and find Him and recognize Him anew in all our plans. Has not the confusion come because men had forgotten God? And shall we not avoid the mistake and sin of the past? How many a mother has laid a tender hand on an impatient, fretful child, and said, "Be still!" Only when we are willing to stop and listen, can God speak to us. You will be amazed at the number of times and ways in which God says in His word. Hear, hearken, take heed, attend. And sometimes He has a world-wide message which all must hear or refuse at their peril. Such a message had Isaiah in times of world change when he said Hear, O heavens and give ear, O earth; for Jehovah hath spoken. Upon such a time have we come again. It is time to Stop! Look and Listen!

Rev. Joseph Jacob who went west on account of his wife's health, now finds that she is sufficiently recovered for him to work in Mississippi. He has been pastor in Texas, but is now pastor at Arienta, Oklahoma R. 1.

Editor E. J. A. McKinney at his request was relieved of the editorship of the Baptist Advance, Little Rock, Ark., and has been chosen as Enrollment Secretary in the same state. The business management for the present is turned over to Mission Secretary J. S. Rogers. A commission of the Board has charge of the paper and will probably select an editor soon. Brother McKinney has been faithful and successful in his work for nearly fourteen years and has seen marvelous denominational development in our sister state.

"A root of bitterness," how often it springs up and what grievous trouble it brings. How many hearts are suffering from it, and how many are "defiled." We passed on the street a few nights ago a boy of twelve or fourteen years and his mother as we judged. There was just light enough to see that they were rather poorly cloth-

ed. She was silent and he was in a harsh, bitter undertone pouring out his complaint to her of some mistreatment. We could not hear his words but the voice was harsh and resentful. He was carrying a hurt, a pain in his heart. Maybe he was at fault; that is not the point. Whether justly or not a root of bitterness had sprung up and it was troubling him. How many of the poor, the discouraged, the unsuccessful have this root of bitterness, and how like gall it is in their throats. Is it not this root of bitterness that is poisoning the formerly oppressed people of Russia, maybe of other lands too. We cannot be surprised if it is sometimes seen in negroes. Yes in many homes too the bitter tone is heard and there is a rankle in the heart. Wrongs done or imagined are the cause. What can we do about it? Right the wrong? Yes, that ought to be done; but we must not allow the root of bitterness in our hearts! It is poison to the person who permits it. We must "follow after peace and the sanctification, looking carefully lest any man fall short of the grace of God." It might help to read the whole paragraph in Heb. 12.

HOW TO BE A GOOD CHURCH MEMBER

All of us should aspire to be good at whatever we undertake. In every calling of life this should be true. We should strive to be good members of the households to which we belong, good citizens of the nation, state, county or municipality of which we are a part. A good neighbor to those forming our community. The church is the organized expression of Christianity. Christianity is the greatest power for good at work among men. Without the powers found alone in the religion of Jesus Christ all other agencies and organizations will be poisoned by sin and will come to naught. To be a part of the organization that exists alone to foster and propagate this power in the world is the highest and noblest connection we can have. Hence we may see the importance of the question heading this article.

To be a good church member one must possess supreme loyalty to Jesus Christ who is head of the church. He must recognize the authority of the Bible and his obligation to learn and obey its truth. His church is undertaking through its stated teaching periods and its preaching periods to furnish the opportunity for learning God's word and the incentive to obey its teachings. So I would put it down as the first essential to make one a good church member is regular attendance upon the public services of the church.

The pastor of the church is the God-chosen leader of the church. To be a good church member one must honor, love, have warm fellowship with and pray for the pastor. Without this it is almost if not altogether impossible to become a good church member. In some cases this is hard to do. So few of our preachers but who are like so many of our laymen in that they have serious faults and shortcomings. If we love him as we should we must do it in spite of these. To help us do this I give a few suggestions:

First, look for the good and strong traits in your pastor and finding them, speak of them to others. God furnishes us a covering for the faults of others. "Love covers a multitude of faults." Use this to throw over the faults of your pastor.

Secondly, begin immediately after each service he leads to pray for him, asking God that he may so pray, study and live that in the next service he will do better than before. You keep that praying up all along between the services, during each service. Having thus prayed for the service go to church fully expecting a personal blessing and a blessing for the congregation through the service. A dozen members in any church following this suggestion with regard to their pastor will do one of two things: It will move God to make of the present pastor just what the church needs or God will displace him and give to the church the proper man. I dare you to try it. Let me go further. If you have a good pastor doing the work well and the church does not continue to follow out the above suggestions he will either become a failure or be placed in another field.

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CONVENTION BOARD DEPARTMENT

J. BENJ. LAWRENCE, Corresponding Secretary

THE BUDGET THE MINIMUM TASK.

In last week's issue of The Record we published the apportionment of the budget for this year to the associations and churches. Let it be thoroughly understood by every one concerned that the budget as fixed by the convention is only the minimum amount necessary to sustain the work of the convention, and in no way is intended to prescribe or limit the giving of the Baptists of Mississippi to the great common causes named in the budget. We must raise during the year \$235,000.00 in order to carry forward the work. We could use in every department of the work a great deal more money than is allotted to the different departments.

On the same principle let it be thoroughly understood that the apportionment to each church is only the minimum amount each church must raise if the combined gifts from all the churches shall equal the budget fixed by the convention. The apportionment is intended to measure the limit downward and not upward in the giving of the church, just as the convention budget measures the limit downward and not upward in the giving of all the Baptists of the state.

It has come to my attention that some churches and pastors, who adopted the budget, are disposed to exclude all special offerings. I have consistently refused to consent to any such agreement or understanding where I have had any part in putting on the budget. The budget is only a guaranty plan by which the church pledges to give regularly no less than is stipulated in the budget for the current support of the objects named in the budget. To shut out all emergency appeals and all thank offerings would be to make of your church a spiritual refrigerator. Giving has its spiritual side, and the leading of the Holy Spirit should not be hindered nor circumscribed.

Following is an extract from a letter of date December 14, 1918, from Rev. Owen Williams of Brooksville:

"I believe our experience at Brooksville demonstrates the practical side of your budget system as well as any you have. Remember we are small in number, ninety resident members, and that for a quarter of a century we have been a half-time church. Last year by your help we put on the system, and worked it, for half-time work. On budget day, December 8, we went out for a 20 per cent. increase over last year for the benevolences, and fulltime preaching on the home expenses. In twenty-four hours we found we were ready for full time preaching."

The success of the church at Brooksville only shows what can be done when the pastor has plenty of enthusiasm, energy and faith in God, and is not afraid to ask his church to do a worthwhile thing.

Bro. T. W. Green has gone to Greenville. It seems that the two shades of green harmonize well, for they are getting ready to put on the "regular budget system."

All of our Sunday Schools were closed for some weeks on account of the epidemic. Many of the schools in the rural districts have not opened yet and this word is to urge every superintendent to open his school at the very earliest date possible.

If the literature is ordered at once pupils will get the benefit of the full quarters' work.

We hope to see a Sunday School in every church in our state this year.

Yours for greater service,

J. E. BYRD.

THE HAZLEHURST THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

Will be held from the 20th to the 24th of January at Hazlehurst. We are glad to have the meeting here, and our people have agreed to do everything in their power to make it a success. A large part of their contribution to the meeting will be the entertainment of all those who attend, and in view of present conditions, well known and appreciated in every domestic circle at this season of the year, it is urged that all who expect to come will send me their names and if possible the time of arrival, so that we may do the most for your comfort and for the meeting. Don't fail to do this. We hope every pastor in the territory who can will come.

C. C. PUGH, Pastor.

A KENTUCKIAN IN MISSISSIPPI.

One of the biggest souls that ever ministered to a Baptist church in Kentucky has recently removed from the Land of the Blue Grass to Okolona, Miss., as the pastor of that, in many respects, marvelous Baptist church. As a Kentucky pastor, who has felt the need for the fellowship of men of large souls in our own fields, I record my sense of unusual loss in the removal of Dr. W. A. Gaugh from our state, but I write this word to our brethren in Mississippi to assure them that they have a new recruit on whom they can count for the fulfillment of any task they may be inclined to commit to him. Brother Gaugh is in the prime of his life. He is a student. He is modest. To thrust himself forward in a selfish way is beyond him. In the pulpit he is a lion. I know orators, and I do not hesitate to say that he is an orator. He is as true to the Baptist polity and teaching as Carroll or Broadus. He has vision as a constructive denominational statesman. As a pastor, he has the ideals of a modern builder. His heart throbs with the Christ-passion for lost souls. Speaking, if I may do so, for our Kentucky brethren, we commend him to you, Brethren of Mississippi, and are certain that you will have cause to thank God for the gift of him into your fellowship and service. Do not hesitate to give him even the biggest labor among you.

Fraternally yours,

WM. C. REEVES.

Ashland, Ky.

S. B. T. SEMINARY.

Will you permit me through your columns to call the attention of your readers to the opening of the third quarter of the session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which will take place on Thursday, January 30, 1919. Many brethren who planned to enter the Seminary in the fall, or who planned to come last session, were hindered by the fact that the country is at war. Many of these brethren are expecting to enter the Seminary at some time in the future. The opening of the third quarter is a very good time at which to begin a Seminary course. The studies are so arranged that it is practicable to do this, and also practicable to finish one's course at the same time of the year in a subsequent session.

I will be glad to hear from any interested brethren and to take up with them the matter of financial assistance or to correspond with them on any matters pertaining to Seminary studies.

Sincerely yours, etc.

E. Y. MULLINS, President.

NEW YEAR AT THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE.

In spite of many and great obstacles the work of the Baptist Bible Institute moves on. Closed up on the eighth day on account of the influenza and remaining closed for five weeks, then kept in suspense on account of uncertainty regarding the Government's taking over the buildings; next hindered by sickness among faculty and students, we are now forging steadily ahead, both faculty and students resolved to make up as far as possible for lost time.

The officials who represented the government were very warm in their expressions of appreciation of the president and directors in offering the buildings for hospital purposes, saying that no more loyal spirit had been manifest anywhere. They also said the buildings and grounds were the finest they had found for the purposes; especially those thirty great oaks on the campus, under which convalescent men might rest, were praised.

Some of our students did not return; others are now returning, and still other new ones are coming. They are a fine and earnest lot of men and women here, for a purpose, and making the best of their time. The State Conventions, though likewise much hindered by the influenza, have dealt generously with us in the way of promises of support this year. President DeMent is now leading the preparatory work for our great February campaign for \$125,000 in Louisiana during the year for purposes of endowment and buildings; this being the portion allotted to our state of the \$500,000 to come to the Baptist Bible Institute out of the \$3,000,000 for South-wide institutions from the campaign of the Education Commission during the next five years. This will be great when it is realized. But in the mean time let all Baptists remember that the current expenses of the Institute, necessarily extra heavy in this opening, stressful session, go right on. Good wishes and promises for the future will not pay present bills. The generosity of the two Boards of the Convention in meeting half our current expenses should find a responsive chord in the hearts of the Baptists of the South. The business manager is anxious to hear from individuals and churches who want to help meet bills coming in with the new year.

The students are all actively engaged in church and mission work, either as pastors of churches in the country, or in missions in the city, or as workers in these missions and city churches. None of them are eating idle bread on the Sabbath. They are a busy bunch.

Dr. B. P. Robertson, our field representative, is meeting a cordial reception at the Conventions and at such churches as he can attend. If he comes your way reach to him the helping hand, both financially and in citing him to men and women who ought to be here preparing for the Lord's work. Above all do not forget to pray for the Baptist Bible Institute. Put it this new year on your program of prayer and bear it up to our Father without whose blessing nothing can be accomplished.

May not some of you who read this be resisting the call of God to you for better training? May it not be that the new resolution you should make at the beginning of this year of grace 1919 is to yield to the still small voice speaking to your soul and come and be with us in preparation for the very best work of which you are capable for the Master in this great new era into which we have entered? If God is calling brother, sister, answer: "Here am I send me," and then "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

J. E. GWATKIN,

Business Manager.

Word comes that the churches at Magee and Silver Creek have both put on the budget 50-50. It should be the aim of every church to give as much to outside causes as they use at home. Some churches should give a great deal more to outside work. That, however, is a matter for each church to decide, after much prayer and careful study of local conditions.

TESTIMONY OF TAX COMMISSION.

Letter of Hon. D. L. Thompson.

Jackson, January 2, 1919.

Hon. Wm. E. Hannan,
Legislative Reference Librarian,
New York State Library,
Albany, New York.

Dear Sirs:

I have your esteemed favor of December 30th as follows:

"The probable ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment by the states will, no doubt, cause certain new revenue legislation to be enacted to make up for the loss of the liquor revenues. In the event of ratification what will your state do?

1. Will it seek new sources of taxation?
2. What kind or class of sources will be sought?
3. If no new source is sought will the tax rate increase?
4. If your state is prohibition now, has that fact increased or decreased the tax rate for:
 - a. State purposes.
 - b. Municipal purposes.

"Will you please send us two copies of your latest revenue laws, also two copies of your latest report?

"We earnestly desire information from your state on the above and await your early reply.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WM. E. HANNAN."

In reply, I take pleasure in saying that Mississippi has had statutory prohibition since 1908, and each succeeding two years since that date the prohibition laws have been made more stringent, culminating in the statute of 1918, which gives the state the so-called "bone-dry" law.

This state has never depended very heavily on liquor licenses to supply its revenue, and the money received from this source in the past 20 years has been negligible. When this state passed under the prohibition law, and the revenues from the liquor traffic was cut off, we did not have to turn to new sources for taxes, but the values of property, especially real property, were largely increased by reason of the abolition of the saloon, so that the increase from taxes more than offset the amount lost.

Since the enactment of a very rigid prohibition law in 1916, there has been a very marked falling off in court expenses, and today our criminal court expenses are very small indeed. In fact some counties in this state have held but one term of court this past year for criminal causes. This fact, taken with the increase in property values due to the abolition of the saloon and its brothers in vice, has more than offset the loss of revenue derived from the sale of liquor.

In reply to your question "4," I beg to advise that there has been no increase in the tax rate in this state. As a matter of fact that rate has been reduced from 6 mills to 5 1-2 mills for state purposes, although, we must say that this decrease has, in all probability, been brought about by other causes than the liquor question.

But it must be considered that since the abolition of the liquor traffic, the state has largely increased its activities along educational and eleemosynary lines. We have established a State Normal College, a State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, an Industrial and Training School for delinquent boys and girls, and several other state institutions, such as hospitals. The state has also largely increased its appropriations for colleges, and the common schools, calling for appropriations more than twice as large as were made during the years that the state received revenue from the saloons.

It is my candid opinion, based upon experience as deputy auditor for four years, state auditor for four years, and three years as chairman of the State Tax Commission, that the state of Mississippi is better off in a financial way than it would have been had there been saloons or liquor manufacturing establishments in the state. I, of course, do not speak of the moral, spiritual or intellectual side of the question.

I do not think you need fear at all any loss in

the revenue of your state, on account of the ratification of the Federal prohibition amendment, nor need you look to other sources to supply the revenue. You will find that other values will automatically increase, as the liquor property goes out of existence. You should bear in mind that this process does not involve the destruction of capital, but merely turns it into other channels. The capital now invested in the liquor business will not be lost, but will re-appear on the tax rolls engaged in other business.

And the fact should also be noted that the capital thus drawn from the liquor business, will be turned to purposes that build up, and do not tear down. More people will be employed, and more "goods, wares and merchandise" will be produced than is now the case, with the same amount of capital. The great loss in human energy due to the liquor traffic, will be conserved when the business is stopped, and this energy will be set to work producing things that will be subject to taxation.

This Commission has not yet compiled the state's revenue laws, but we have such a book in course of preparation, and if you will write us again in about sixty days, we will be glad to send you the two copies. The copies of the reports of this office are being sent you under separate cover.

With best wishes, I am,

DUNCAN L. THOMPSON,
Chairman State Tax Commission.

BORDSAUX, FRANCE.

I have just been reading the Baptist Record. It brings great messages of love, devotion and sacrifice. Three cheers for the Baptist Record and the splendid work done by the churches.

I have a delightful task. Bordeaux, France, is one of the largest ports in France. They have a great embarkation camp here. I am Religious Divisional man appointed by the Divisional Religious man from the Y. M. C. A. My duty is to co-operate with the chaplains in this division, put every man on the job. We have 10 Y. M. C. A. huts, four of them built since I came into this division. We have prayer meeting, Bible study classes and preaching at least once a week. We had 25 men, religious key men in the huts and chaplains busy Sunday. We have eight points to serve outside the "Y" huts. It is a great temptation not to do a great deal of the preaching myself.

I went out through the dark and mud Sunday night and talked to a group of 250 men. At the close of the service there were 40 men lifted their hands and said we want to trust Christ and be saved and serve Him.

We have a Thursday evening conference with the chaplains and our "Y" religious man, and plan our work and report all new work and the general condition of our division.

Chaplain Jessie Boyd of Gloster, Miss., is my co-leader. He and I plan the work together. He is good. He is liked by us all and especially by the army officers.

Captain Herman Trotter is in our division. Dr. Francis of California, made a great speech for our men at Camp "Seoul Pica" and this was followed by Dr. Truett of Dallas, Texas, on Sunday night. I have heard Dr. Truett at least once a year for 15 years and his address to the boys was the best I have heard. He and Dr. Francis were sent over by the request of Gen. Pershing and they are both leading Baptists. They made me proud of several things and among them that I am an American.

The Y. M. C. A. is now filling a great place over here.

When we think of the rapid way everything was thrown together and the number of men as well as the amount of material put together, we wonder that there are not more mistakes than there is. We are doing our best to preach and teach Christ, and the principles and blessings of Christianity. We are to stay till we put victory where it deserves to be placed.

With blessings on the Baptist Record and our work,

A. L. O'BRIEN.

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Tragedy of Armenia—"Serbia and Belgium have been martyr nations for four years, Poland and Bohemia for from one to three centuries; but Armenia has been in virtual bondage for a thousand years, during which period she has kept her home fires burning, her hopes undimmed and her soul unintimidated. Armenia lives today, though bleeding and stricken, because she was worthy." These words are taken from the introduction to "The Tragedy of Armenia; Brief Study and Interpretation," by Bertha S. Papazian. This book is Armenia's story, from the pen of a devoted friend. The story of enslavement through centuries, of affliction indelible, of an "age-long agony from even the contemplation of which the selfish world has shrunk." The description of her Pagan Days is, as the author says, "The Kaleidoscopic pageant of turbulent centuries, peopled with mighty historic figures." The establishment of Christianity as the national religion, and Armenia's unbroken loyalty to her faith, the Crusades, Turkish domination, the massacres, the World War all these are painted with a glowing brush, directed by an understanding, sympathizing heart. The book is a plea an urgent, burning plea for "The restoration to the Armenian people of their ancient fatherland where they may have the opportunity of building a state which shall be worthy of the sacrifices they have made for the sake of religion, nationality, progress and freedom." Justice to the smaller nationalities is the purpose and promise of America and her Allies, and it is with high hope of complete independence that Armenia will present herself at the International Peace Council.

"The Tragedy of Armenia" is published by The Pilgrim Press, Chicago and Boston for \$1.10, post-paid.

FROM FRANCE.

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stumbled in and stood waiting until my eyes could become a bit accustomed to the darkness. All had in general the same arrangement and contents, as well as I could see in the dark. There were three or four compartments—very small, of course—and pretty well fixed bunks; full and broken boxes of ammunition—bullets and grenades—and fireworks; cooking vessels and personal articles. I knocked over a heavy box with a crash and when I got tired of waiting to see how high I was going, discovered them to be grenades, stick grenades. I have seen lots and lots of them scattered around. They have printed on them "bor Gebranch Spring hapsel einster. H. N. B." I don't know what the H. N. B. stands for. Well, yes, I picked up a few things as souvenirs. I hope you'll see some day a couple of helmets, one of them quite nicely camouflaged with that "futurist like" painting, you know. About the only thing I can send you is a piece of wrapping paper I picked up on one of the floors.

I'll tell you all about it when I get home. Believe me, you will all need your gas masks, because if man ever was loaded—it's L. But I will mention a bit of the square head's fun: In front of a machine gun nest was stuck up a painted board sign like this "U-15"—verstehen sie?

I haven't even gotten to today, have I? But the C. O. wants to see us officers now.

According to the latest rampant wildcat "dope" we parade in Bordeaux Dec. 4, and in Washington Dec. 24. You see we are furnishing our own entertainment still. But at that we may get home rather sudden. The rumor has it that divisions on the line when hostilities ceased are to be chased home first and at once. That means us!

Never mind the peace talk, though, don't let it undermine your morale!

Much love from,

PLAUTUS.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union Page

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All funds should be sent to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, except the Literature Fund, which should be sent to Miss M. M. Lackey.

"O Friend—never strike sail to fear. Come into port greatly or sail with God the seas."—Emerson.
MISSIONARY AND BIBLE TOPICS FOR 1919.
 Month. Mission Topic. Bible Study.
 January—Home Mission Outlook—The Fellowship of the Faith.
 February—Church Building Loan Fund Results.—Our Father's House.
 March—Value of Mountain Schools.—Influence on Lives.
 April—Fruitage of Training School and Margaret Fund.—The Tree Yielding Fruit.
 May—Utilizing Mission Literature.—Leaves of Healing.
 June—Christian Education and the Kingdom.—Messengers of Peace.
 July—Planning for Convention Year—The Whole Armour.
 August—Progress of Medical Missions.—The Physician of Today.
 September—Social Problems in the States.—Living the Christian Life.
 October—Foreign Mission Outlook.—The Power of the Cross.
 November—The Native Worker on the Foreign Field.—The Victory of Faith.
 December—China.—The Challenge to Sacrifice.

EMERGENCY CARDS.

When Miss Mallory met with us at our State Meeting in New Albany she stressed, among other phases of the work, the Emergency Cards. She hoped that Mississippi would this year have signed up to the credit of her W. M. U. as many as 600 cards.

To date we have only received 75 signed cards. And the month of February is the time set for redeeming them—that is paying the pledge of \$5.00 for this year.

I trust that many more will send for cards and return them signed by the end of next month. I trust that the many who are now holding cards will send them in as soon as practicable.

Just 20 cards have been redeemed. In other words our State W. M. U. has paid to date just \$100 on the F. E. S. Heck Memorial Fund.

SUGGESTED CHANGES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST W. M. U. OF MISSISSIPPI.

Constitution, Article VI: Officers—(Change so as to read)—The officers shall be President, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Vice-Presidents, etc.

Article VII: Election of Officers—(Change so as to read)—First. The President, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Vice Presidents, etc.

By-Laws. Article II: Vice-Presidents:—(Change so as to read)—Third. The state shall be divided into sections and assigned as follows: The First Vice-President shall preside over the Jackson District.

The Second Vice-President shall preside over the Clarksdale District.

The Third Vice-President shall preside over the Tupelo District.

The Fourth Vice-President shall preside over the Columbus District.

The Fifth Vice-President shall preside over the Hattiesburg District.

The Sixth Vice-President shall preside over the Brookhaven District.

Article VI: Central Committee—(Change so as to read):—Personel: The Central Committee shall be composed of the President of the Convention W. M. U., six Vice-Presidents, etc.

Meetings: The Central Committee shall meet semi-annually: The first meeting to be held within two weeks after the Southern Baptist Convention, and the second at the same time the State Convention Board is in annual session, etc.

To the Board of Trustees of the Baptist W. M. U. Training School:

Dear Friends:

It is pleasant to report from the Local Board, a season of unusual blessings for your school. The loss, even for one year of the principal, who for eleven years, has so wonderfully led this work out into gracious and enlarging realms of usefulness, was a heavy blow. But the Same Great Wise Leader, our Guide in the past, our Strength in the present, our Hope for the future, has been with the School, to own and to bless.

Mrs. G. W. Perryman, seems "to have been called into the Kingdom for such a time as this." With her sincere piety, her mother heart, and her wise administrative gifts, the three months have passed smoothly and with no letting down of the ideals that have marked its aims and purposes.

After the siege of influenza, so skillfully handled under God, by our faithful nurse, there has been no illness in the school. Some sad messages have come that have called a few students home. We have matriculated eighty in the house and twenty wives of Seminary students. A new work, under the charge of the Y. W. A. of the school, has been successfully launched in the interest of the seventy-five students' wives and their children. Once a month they are invited here and an interesting programme on missions is carried out by our students, a circle responsible each time. Later a reception is held for them in our beautiful hall and reception rooms. We hope later to have one including the husbands and serve simple refreshments. The board, the central committee and the wives of the faculty are invited to these monthly meetings.

The Y. W. C. A. who as you know have been renting our west wing for their war work, have asked to rent by the month as long as they find enough applying for lodgings, to warrant the outlay. We are glad of this extra income, especially to help in the expenses for fuel continue very heavy.

Our gratitude goes out beyond words to the societies all over the South, that sent us generous donations of canned goods. These have helped appreciably in reducing the table expenses, and have given such pleasure to the students, in the touch of home they bring, and the realization that mother hearts are concerned for their comfort.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were greatly enjoyed by all, and the beautiful ingenuity of the students committee in leading the other students in delightful plans, is very remarkable. We have many rare characters here. Miss Rose Goodwin of North Carolina, chairman; Miss Pearl Todd of Georgia, Miss Effie Chastain of Cuba, Miss Eleanor Decker of Virginia, and Miss Agnes Graham of Texas, are the members of this committee. Miss Valeria Green of China, daughter of our honored missionaries, is a fine addition to the student body.

The local board sends New Year's greetings to you, the closest friends of this work that you so trustfully leave in our hands, and thank you anew for the confidence, the help and the prayers that you so generously give us.

Affectionately,

MRS. GEORGE B. EAGER, Chairman.

OUR INDIANS' CHRISTMAS.

Union, Miss., Dec. 2, 1918.

Except for the illness of little Harrison our Christmas was very merry. The W. M. U. of New Albany provided the apples, through Mrs. Trotter of Shaw, candy was sent, local Baptist contributed the oranges, through Mrs. Bridges,

one of the Laurel circles sent a number of very acceptable presents for the children, Mrs. Cloar of Tupelo, and her Sunbeams made the purchase of nuts possible, Washington friends sent decoration for the tree and some practical presents, the boys of the Sunday School brought in a beautiful holly tree, and so God provided a most acceptable Christmas tree for our Indians. I arranged a program of songs and recitations, etc., by the children, and Mr. Pass, the mayor of Union, came and made the Indians a good, helpful talk. Of course Mr. Arnold took advantage of the opportunity to give them a gospel message. At the close of his remarks, the piano sounded the wedding march, and I, as matron of honor, accompanied Celia, my most helpful helper, to the marriage altar. She has been such a good girl that I have done all I could to make her wedding nice. I saw that a ring was provided, and so Mr. Arnold used the ring service. It was all so new, and so appreciated by the Indians! The last words of the marriage ceremony were scarcely said before Santa Claus rushed in, wearing a Sears, Roebuck Santa Claus mask and an improvised red coat, trimmed in white marbou which I had been saving for years, I knew not why. The wee tiny folks were very much frightened at his appearance, but the older children entered into the spirit of the occasion, and what a merry time was had while Santa was distributing the presents on the tree. We had presents for the members of the Sunday School only, but candy, apples, ginger cakes and butter-milk for all. I know you will smile at the mention of ginger cake and butter-milk. But I knew that many had come a long distance and had had no supper—also that it would be well to fortify the digestive organs against an over supply of candy.

I wish you might have been with us—also Mrs. Trotter, Mrs. Cloar, Mrs. Johnson of Aberdeen, Mrs. Swain of New Albany, Mrs. Bridges and all others who made this great happiness for the Indians possible.

I wonder what it will be another Christmas? We have been on the field more than a year, and are homeless still—that is no mission house or other place of holding services has been provided, neither any abiding place for the missionary and his family. I am not murmuring, for a servant is not greater than his Lord, and the Son of Man had not where to lay His head.

Last winter friends of ours in Washington provided money for the rent of a building for a school for the Indians and we were permitted the use of it for religious services. Since the government took the school over, under government rules, it can no longer be used for religious services, and since the government school began we have been holding the Sunday services in the home of an Indian, walking out there and back through the swamp, as there is no road to the Indian's house, but have had to abandon the mid-week prayer service.

May I ask you to pray for the recovery of little Harrison. He is a dear little orphan boy (Indian, of course) who has been ill for ten weeks. For days and nights I nursed him, and am rewarded with a great improvement in his condition, though the doctor says his heart is yet in very bad shape. He is a bright little boy, with a marvelous voice, and is so good and obedient.

Pardon my long letter.

With best wishes for a New Year of joy, and peace and happiness in the Lord, I am,

Sincerely,

MRS. J. E. ARNOLD.

STEWARDSHIP COVENANT.

We have received to date 217 of the Stewardship cards, showing that we have that number of tithers who have signed the cards. We have a great many more tithers in the state I am sure, for our report cards give us a greater number.

If you have a card that you have not yet signed and returned to this office, please do so as soon as you can. If you are a tither and have not a card let me know and I will take much pleasure in supplying you.

Let us see if we cannot report at least 1,000 tithers by the Convention in May.

B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT

Auber J. Wilds, Superintendent.

"We Study That We May Serve."

SPECIAL PRAYER.

Let us remember this week in our special prayer Rev. W. N. McCall who is the superintendent of our mission work in Cuba. Cuba is in the Home Board's territory, the religion of Cuba is Catholic, but we are through the splendid work of our missionaries there, planting the pure religion of Christ. Pray that God may give them grace to be steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord.

TEN NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved:

1. That we will be satisfied with nothing less than an A-1 Union and that we will endeavor to make it such the first quarter and maintain the Standard throughout the year.

2. That we will have our program committee meeting each month and prepare our programs in advance thereby making possible good meetings.

3. That we prepare our parts and leave our quarterlies at home.

4. That we send in our report every quarter to the State Secretary.

5. That we send one or more delegates to the Convention next March.

6. That we organize at least one other B. Y. P. U. during the year.

7. That we will fall in line and study one of the Study Course books during the Study Course week Feb. 9-16.

8. That we organize a tithe band in our Union and strive to have every active member of the Union a member of the tithe band.

9. That we will be a booster of our pastor and will help him in every way that we can to make him more efficient as a leader.

10. That we will Not disband either in the summer or in the winter but will continue to meet regardless of how few there may be to attend remembering that God has promised that where two or three are gathered together in His name He will meet with them.

Nineteen Nineteen is here and we are all glad because we are one year older; we are one year wiser; we are one year farther advanced in our training; we are more able to meet and grasp opportunities; we are more like the Master, we know more of His love and more of His will for us; we are more willing to say "Thy will be done;" we are better able to fit into His plans; we can have a large part in advancing His kingdom. Nineteen Eighteen has been good to us; we are thankful. We feel that the Father has been leading His forces and though the battle for righteousness is still being waged, victory is assured. Our part may be a small part but it is an important part and we will not be numbered among the quitters. "Arise to dare and do, Ring out the watchword true, Of loyalty, loyalty, yes loyalty to Christ."

BAPTIST STUDENT MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

This is simply an organization

which works for the furtherance of the mission cause among Baptist students. It is planned that there shall be, in addition to the general convention for North America, a convention for each state also, and that in each state, each college in which there are Baptist students shall have a local organization for the study of missions according to the plan set forth by the General Movement.

It is not expected that only those who are volunteers for mission work on the foreign field shall be members of the organization and take part in the work. It is just as necessary that our future laymen, our future church leaders, our future Sunday School workers, as well as our young church members of the present, shall be informed as to the conditions and the needs of the mission fields, if our missionary program is to be a success. Of course it will naturally be true that the volunteers will be the most interested, and in most cases the most enthusiastic workers, and with these as a central force it ought to be possible to send out into the entire student body of every school a wave of interest in the mission cause and in missionary endeavor. And as a result, many a young Christian may be able to discover God's plan for his life, and may gladly enter upon the great task which God has appointed unto him.

Let the Baptist students in every college in Mississippi see that their college has such a local organization, and that they become members of it, and let them incline their ears that they may hear the voice of the Master as He says, "Go ye into all the world."

WHEN THE LIGHTS ARE OUT.

We had the privilege of attending a B. Y. P. U. meeting several weeks ago and just about the time the program began the lights went out. After finding out that the lights would not be on again that night we thought that we would not be able to have a program, but soon found that those on program were prepared and did not need a light and so the program went on just as if the lights were burning brightly. Over-riding difficulties by being prepared. It was very encouraging to know that those young people had learned the value of a prepared program and were ready for any emergency, if they had been depending on reading from the quarterly they would have been in a poor plight don't you think? Caution, be ye also ready for you know not when the lights are going out.

THE GROUP CAPTAIN.

The Group Captain in a B. Y. P. U. is the president so to speak, on a miniature B. Y. P. U. and should seek to make his group a standard group. Every phase of the work should be represented in each group, each group should have a member of each committee in it. The Captain will be the member of the program committee

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THE PRICE OF A SADDLE.

Jennie N. Sandifer.

Bob Carlton was bringing in the goods displayed in front of Goodwins General Merchandise Store one mid-summer evening, when a big sun burned man with whiskers drove a wagon up to the pavement and asked "What's the price of that saddle?"

"Twenty dollars," replied Bob, promptly.

"Bring it out here and let me have a look, friend. Got rheumatism in my foot and can't jump in and out like a kid."

Bob held up the saddle for inspection. The man looked it over and said:

"I'll take it. Put it in the back of the wagon and charge it to me."

Bob hesitated a moment and stammered:

"I don't believe I recall your.... He almost said 'name', but remembered Mr. Goodwin had reproved him that very morning for failing to recognize a customer. "I don't know your—initials," he amended.

"No initials needed. Just put it John! I've been trading with Dan Goodwin ever since he started in business, and paying up when cotton's sold. It will be alright with him. Get up Selma. Good evening. I'm in a hurry to get home before dark."

The man had turned the corner when Dave Wheeler, the book-keeper came to the door, on his way to supper.

"Who was the farmer in the wagon who bought a saddle, Dave?" asked Bob.

"Didn't get a sight of him. Did he pay cash?"

"No he said charge. Our Boss thinks I ought to know everybody, and I only asked his initials. He said 'John' would do."

"That's a nice kettle of fish! 'Johns' are as plentiful as weeds in June. Guess I'll have to charge that saddle to a dozen or so possible buyers and find out the purchaser by the one who doesn't kick."

"I don't like that plan, but I'll keep my eyes open and find out his name before cotton picking time."

The summer passed but Bob failed to recognize the man among the customers from rural districts. In the autumn when cotton was being brought to market, Bob began to worry. He asked Dave's advice about putting an advertisement in a local paper to find the buyer of the saddle.

"Do you want the Boss and the whole community to find out you don't know the firm's regular customers? You'd be fired like a shot out of a gun. If that man does not show up I'll fix it for you. Don't worry."

A few weeks later Dave told Bob that John Gray had settled his yearly account and paid for the saddle charged therein without a word.

"But John Gray didn't buy the saddle," said Bob. "His money must be returned."

"Just wait, old man."

A week later Dave announced that two more farmers had paid for the saddle without protest.

"Don't look so dumbfounded, Bobbie," the book-keeper said with a laugh. "We will get this business settled by the first of January when all good debtors come to the aid of their creditors."

"I ought to tell Mr. Goodwin."

"Not if you value a whole skin and your job. Leave it to me."

Sometime in December Dave told Bob that a customer objected to paying for the saddle.

"Of course I explained that mistakes crept in and we were glad to correct them, and his wrath was appeased. But another 'John' has paid for the saddle and that makes \$80.00 we have collected for it."

"The money must be returned."

"Wait until the end of the drama, son."

Bob waited uneasily, still watching for the big farmer. On the first day of January he had not appeared.

That evening Bob was putting on his overcoat when Dave called him to the book-keepers' desk.

"See here, Bobbie," Dave said persuasively, "I have been talking with several book-keepers for long credit firms and they say not one farmer in ten reads over his annual statements of goods bought. When a mistake is made and the same thing charged to different customers, as in the case of the saddle, the book-keeper pays the firm the price of the saddle and the salesman and book-keeper divide the surplus. There were four too pay for that saddle, and only twenty dollars goes to Mr. Goodwin. That leaves thirty dollars for you and thirty for me."

"I don't want it. It must be paid back to the farmers."

"We would lose their trade sure, if they suspected we made such mis-

takes. Think it over, old man. Our Boss doesn't pay us living wages anyway, and that would be no more than we deserved."

"I don't want it."

"You need not decide until next week."

Mr. Goodwin came to the desk and Bob hurried away. As he walked to the cheap boarding house he called home, Dave's words kept coming back: "Our Boss doesn't pay us living wages. The bonus is no more than we deserve."

It was true his salary was very small, but this was his first position. He had been trying during the six months he had been at work to save enough to pay for a business course, but after sending his widowed mother ten dollars a month, it took every cent of his wages to pay for his board and clothing. It didn't seem fair that he should work so hard for the pittance he received.

When he reached his room he found a letter from his mother, asking if it would be possible to send her five dollars extra as little Billie had been sick and needed heavier clothing. Bob sighed and thought of the thirty dollars he could have—for the taking. How much good he could do with it!

During the week several bills came in that he had forgotten. After sending his mother the money she needed he would be forced to borrow on next month's salary.

His life insurance fell due that week also, and it must be paid to provide for his mother in case of his death. The insurance agent promised to pay the dues and wait until next month for Bob to settle.

Miss Morton, the small town belle, came into Godwin's store one morning soliciting contributions to help a destitute family, and all the clerks helped generously in the good work Bob handed over his last dollar of general expense money.

That afternoon the President of the Business Night School stopped in at Godwin's and made Bob a tempting offer.

"Pay me twenty-five dollars, cash Carlton, and I will guarantee tuition in our business course until you are thoroughly prepared for work," he promised. "You will only be required to attend at night, and you can command double your present salary with one of our diplomas."

"I'll think it over and let you know," replied Bob.

"That's the very place to put that saddle money," said Dave, who had overheard the conversation. Come around tomorrow evening and get your just dues, and take that course."

"I may take it as a loan," faltered Bob. "I will see you later."

With his many small debts looming up and that chance to advance himself—if he only had the cash—there didn't seem to be anything very wrong about using that saddle money.

That was the evening he always wrote his mother. He began the letter by telling her that he had decid-

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The letter was written, but no mention was made of a business course.

Next morning Bob went to the book-keeper's desk and asked: "Can I borrow \$20.00 on this month's salary?"

"Of course, Bobbie," answered Dave cordially. "But what is the use when you have that saddle money, and—"

"I want to pay the price of that saddle with the money I borrow, Dave. And you must return the sixty dollars to the men it belongs to."

"Whew! What's up? The Boss getting suspicious?"

"No. I have decided that I would rather have a clear conscience than thirty dollars—and be ashamed to tell Mother how I came by it."

"You squeamish boob! You will soon be sprouting wings!"

Bob took a receipt for \$20.00, paid for the saddle sold to party unknown, and silently walked away.

By rigid economy he managed to pay off his indebtedness by the first of March, but there was not a penny left for his business course.

One morning early in April, a negro driver stopped a surrey in front of Goodwin's store and a big man called out:

"Hi there, friend! Come help the driver get me to the book-keeper's desk."

Bob joyfully hurried to the aid of the man who bought the saddle.

"Think I was a dead beat, Goodwin? I've had rheumatism all winter and couldn't leave my room. Why didn't you send me the bill for that saddle?"

"What saddle?"

"The one I bought from this young man last summer. It was twenty-dollars, but no mention was made of it in your statement."

"How did that happen, Dave?" asked Mr. Goodwin sternly.

"The man who sold him the saddle paid for it," replied Dave hesitatingly.

"Didn't think I could pay for what I bought?" the big man asked angrily.

"Certainly, sir, but I didn't know your name," Bob hasten to explain.

"I was willing to pay for my mistake."

"You're an extraordinary young man. When you run out of a job here, come out to my plantation, and be my manager I need a helper since I have become crippled."

"I can't give up my best salesman," spoke up Boss Goodwin promptly. "I've been watching these boys lately and have decided that it will pay to add \$25.00 a month to Bob's salary and let him take a business course while we are not in a rush this spring. Got to go? Call again."

"However did you manage to have Luck strike you full in the face, Bob Carlton?" asked Dave, when they were alone.

"By paying the price of a saddle, I suspect," replied Bob dryly.

BEAUTIFUL ORDINATION SERVICE.

At Pickens, on the 29th day of December, 1918, there was a very beautiful and impressive ordination of two deacons in the Pickens church. Two splendid and worthy men, A. P. Yarbrough and W. S. Atkinson, were ordained by a Presbytery consisting of the greatly beloved Dean of this part of God's vineyard, Rev. T. J. Ellis, the deacons of the church, J. J. Tucker and J. E. Maxwell and the writer. The examination was conducted in a very impressive manner by Bro. Ellis and after a satisfactory examination, the writer preached the sermon. Kneeling in the altar the ordination prayer as offered by Bro. Ellis, after which the ceremony of the laying on of hands, each member of the council laying on his hands and pronouncing a blessing.

Then the wives of the two newly ordained deacons were called and they came forward and stood with their husbands while the hand of fellowship was extended. A splendid crowd of interested listeners were greatly impressed by this ceremony and it marked a new day for this church.

The writer will fill his first appointment there, as pastor, on the fourth Sunday in January, succeeding the worthy and capable E. T. Mobberly, who has wrought with abundant success among these good people.

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I esteemed Bro. R. Drummond as a citizen very highly, I appreciated him as a preacher, and loved him as a pastor. He was a faithful preacher and was always found on the right side of every moral question. He served eight years as Moderator of the Strong River Association. We walked together being neighboring pastors for thirty-eight years. As much as I shall miss him I submit to God's will. May the blessings of God rest upon his companion and four noble girls. May his mantle fall on his son Norvel and may he be a great preacher of the gospel.

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We extend to Rev. W. R. Beckett a cordial welcome to the pastorate at Charleston. He comes from the Grace Church, Nashville, Tenn. Worthy and well qualified.

The Baptists of Georgia now number 315,000. What a mighty host to push forward the work of the Master's Kingdom! They have projected mighty things for an onward move.

The Christian Index of Georgia, has passed the 9th milestone in its history. The paper was never brighter nor truer to Biblical teachings. Editor Graham has been with the paper nineteen years and is now just getting in his prime.

We have been wrestling with a desperate case of influenza for three weeks. It has not turned us loose yet but is somewhat releasing its hold. We could wish the Kaiser no worse suffering than to have a good case of it the balance of his life.

By order of the recent Tennessee Convention the work of the various boards was transferred to a new executive board. This executive board will assume the task of raising funds for the propagation of the several interests.

The Tennessee Baptists heartily welcome Dr. W. L. Pickard, former president of Mercer University, to the pastorate of the Central Church, Chattanooga. He is strong in his preaching and efficient as a pastor.

We sorely regret to learn of the departure to his heavenly home of Dr. M. C. Atchley, pastor of the Trenton Street Church, Harriman, Tenn. He was a preacher of exceptional ability. We extend sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Rev. G. S. Tumlin of Amorilla, has yielded to the persistent call of the Cole Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas. He will enter the field early in January.

Every preacher and layman in the district ought to attend the Winter School at Indianola, January 13-18. Pastor Martin, out of his big heart, has invited us and his people kindly open their doors to us.

Rev. W. M. Vines of the First Church, Augusta, Ga., has been called to the First Church, Norfolk, Va. He accepts and will enter upon the new work at an early date.

Rev. J. W. Ham of Atlanta, Ga., opened the eyes of many people when he set forth the evidence that Catholics are the avowed enemies of the public school system of America. The whole city of Atlanta was stirred.

We regret very much our inability to be present at the dedication of the splendid new meeting house of the First Church, Jonesboro, Ark. Many thanks to the brethren for their kind invitation. We were at Lexington, Tenn., watching around the bed-side of our son's wife, who quietly went home to God.

Rev. W. E. Fendley of Eupora, writes: "We closed the old year free

of debt, having taken a considerable advanced step in contributions. We received 94 members—52 by baptism. The church sent the pastor to the S. B. Convention, and himself and wife to the State Convention. They have added \$500 to the pastor's salary. Santa Clause did not forget us—so we are better fed than before Christmas."

Dr. R. G. Bowers of the First Church, Paducah, Ky., has resigned to accept a call to one of the churches in Dallas, Texas. His work at Paducah has been largely successful and he will be wonderfully missed throughout the state as he was a Kingdom builder.

The Church at Copperhill, Tenn., has called Rev. J. L. Ivey, who has served acceptably as evangelist of the Georgia State Mission Board. He has resigned this position to accept the call to the church.

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ARTILLERYMAN IN FRANCE

Now that the war is over and I have a few spare moments I will try and tell you a little about what I have seen and been through.

I think I wrote you once from La Courtine and told you as much as I could about the country and people, but since then I have been over quite a bit of the country and can tell you more about it.

I will start at my first time at the front, which was on the St. Mihiel sector. My first shot at Fritz was in that drive. The first all American drive that was ever made over here. I was on the right flank of the sector just in front of Metz. Our battery was able to do some good work. We were extremely fortunate. From our well camouflaged positions we banged away at "Fritz" for four days and were not discovered until the last night when we were moving out. One of the fortresses near Metz located our position and shot over gas. We got out without any casualties. So here I received my initiation into the real war. But this was just the beginning, merely a taste of what was to follow.

From this sector we hiked over to the Argonne front. We made most of

the trip at night. It took us six nights. On this hike we passed through some of the country that had been shelled heavy during the battle of Verdun in 1916. All the villages that were near had been almost completely destroyed. The destruction was great. The churches seemed to be the main object of their destruction. There was not a one left that had not been shelled. After the six nights of hiking we stopped in a wood near the Argonne. The battle had started and for six days and nights there was a continuous roar of guns. It was certainly a great bombardment and resulted in driving "Fritz" from his strong defense line in the Argonne. After ten days in reserve we went into the drive. Our positions were in the open and for four days we were under shell fire from the enemy, but we never ceased operations at all. There we lost our first man killed and several wounded. Often the shells would fall so close we would have to "duck" to keep from being hit by flying pieces of shells. The mud and rocks knocked my tent down. We shifted positions three times in three weeks.

It was here that I got some idea of what our doughboys have to go through. I have seen them there dead on the field of battle, but always facing forward and with that perpetual smile on his face that makes the "Yank" the greatest fighter in the world. In one place I remember seeing one red-head American lad laying dead, face forward and smiling and around him were three dead Germans. Evidently he had killed all of them for they bore bayonet wounds and his bayonet was bloody. One of them had been killed with the well known "butt stroke" for his head was mashed in and the stock of the rifle was splintered. When I looked at this I was certainly glad I was not a doughboy.

We next took up position in the rear of our third line trenches and from here we started the big barrage and the big drive that brought a close to the bloody struggle. We started them on the run. They ran so fast and so long that we were unable to catch up with our heavy guns. After three days chasing we were farther behind than when we started, so we had to give it up as a bad chase. Then came the armistice.

I guess America went wild over the news. Then how much more in the joy of France. America does not realize what war is. Of course there are heartaches for those who will never return. But our people have not had to see their homes and country destroyed. If you could see the sad look in the eyes of the poor women returning to their homes in recently liberated villages, when they find that they have been destroyed the homes they were compelled to leave through the oppression of German culture now wrecked through German brutishness and desire to loot. Let me repeat, if you could see this as I have then perhaps you could realize what war is and what a blighted condition it has left France in.

Of Belgium I know but little as I have not been on that sector of the front, but I have seen and talked to British "Tommies" who have fought there for four years and they say that the worst has never been told.

This brings us to the close of the

war and I am now waiting anxiously for the day when I can be at home with the people I love.

This will reach you about Christmas and I hope it will find you in the midst of one of the happiest you have ever spent.

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The Conference program is arranged around the subjects—Christian Fundamentals, Bible Exposition, Prayer and Deeper Spiritual Life, Evangelism and Inspirational addresses, Work in Heathen Lands, City Rescue and Jewish Missions, Church Efficiency and Stewardship, Denominational Press, Bible Institutes in Co-operative Work, and Gospel Music.

The speakers thus far announced include Rev. Joseph Kyle, D.D., LL.D., President Zenia Theological Seminary; Rev. Samuel M. Zwemer, D.D., F. R. G. S. representing the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church of America; Rev. E. M. Poteat, D.D., ex-President of Furman College, S. C.; Rev. John McNichol, B.D., Principal, Toronto Bible School; Rev. E. A. Wollam, executive secretary, Cleveland Bible Institute; Rev. D. S. Kennedy, D.D., Editor of the Presbyterian, Philadelphia; Rev. Ernest S. Wareing, editor Western Christian Advocate, Cincinnati; Rev. Henry W. Frost, Home Director, China Inland Mission; Pastor Paul Rader, Moody Tabernacle, Chicago; Rev. Parley D. Zartman, D.D., secretary of the Interdenominational Association of Evangelists; Rev. J. C. Massee, D.D., First Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio; and besides Dr. Gray various members of the Institute Faculty, including Rev. Robert McWatty Russell, D.D., LL.D., Rev. E. J. Pace, acting director, Missionary Course; Rev. Otis G. Dale, D.D., superintendent of men, formerly director of Religious Education and Finance, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles; and Evangelist Henry Ostrom, D.D., of the Extension Department of the Institute.

Rev. Wm. B. Riley, D.D., Minneapolis, Rev. Wm. L. Pettingill, Philadelphia, Rev. John A. Davis, Binghamton and Mr. Don O. Shelton, New York City, the heads of Bible Institute respectively in the cities named, will also participate in the conference discussions.

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and friends to mourn her departure. She exemplified the graces of Christian womanhood in a splendid degree and went home triumphant in the faith of her Lord. May the protecting hand of the Father in heaven be upon her boys and His sustaining grace comfort the sorrowing ones. We look by faith to the land beyond where all things shall be well.

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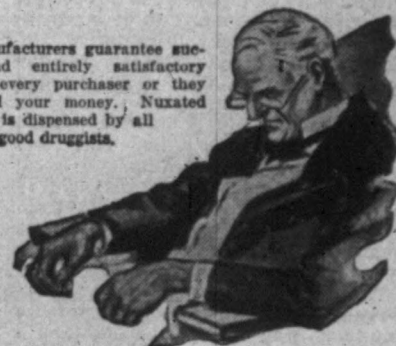
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(By T. F. McCrea.)

THE RELIEF SHIP.

On Memorial Day, 1907, with thrilling hearts, full of a glad pride, we stood on a launch's deck and saw a magnificent steamer painted pure white, breasting the yellow current of the great Yangtze at Chinkiang. The American flag, and it never looked so beautiful as on that day, flew half-masted for our country's dead soldiers. At the peak of the foremast flew a white flag which bore the words: "Christian Herald China Famine Relief." Her decks were filled with American officers, their families, and soldiers, on their way to the Philippine Islands. The red, white and blue stripes on the buff colored funnel showed the ship to be in the service of the American government. The beautiful ship of mercy was the transport Buford which had been furnished by the government to bring to China 80,000 bags of flour for the famine sufferers. Every vessel in the harbor greeted her with tooting whistles and waving flags. Thousands of interested and grateful Chinese lined the shore to see the relief ship flying the "Hwa Chi" or "Flowery Flag" as they call old glory.

This great cargo of flour, about 2,000 tons, and worth about \$500,000, was the final gift of generous America to suffering China that year. More than half a year before our famine committee had sent home to our people the story of the flooded harvest fields, the awful famine camps and the millions threatened with death by starvation. More than half a million dollars had been cabled and mailed to us. Other thousands had been raised in China, England and other countries.

Beginning with a few thousand on our lists in December the relief work had grown until more than 800,000 people were being fed by our missionary workers. The organization of this work I shall tell about in another article, but this vast total of impoverished Chinese humanity was looking to us for food. As the food in the famine country had been destroyed by the floods it would have been a mockery simply to have given the people money.

It was, therefore necessary for us to buy and ship in the food. As the people in that section of China are flour eaters it had to be flour. The committee of foreign business men in Shanghai who had organized to assist the missionaries in the relief work brought this food for us. They purchased all the surplus stock of flour in Shanghai, Hong Kong and other Chinese ports. Then they brought from far away Australia, Canada and America, ship load after ship load of flour and other foodstuffs were sent up to us at Chinkiang and there we trans-shipped it to junks which carried it up the Grand Canal to the famine field. The great British shipping firms that run splendid modern river steamers up the Yangtze River from Shanghai to Howkow carried hundreds of tons of our stuff from Shanghai to Chinkiang free of charge.

Towards the last it became difficult to secure sufficient flour for this wide-spread and ever growing relief work, so The Christian Herald, which

had raised nearly half a million dollars, decided to send a ship load of flour direct from America to China, and Mr. James J. Hill, the president of the Northern Pacific Railroad, furnished free of charge four freight trains to haul the 80,000 bags to San Francisco. There it was loaded on the transport Binford, generously loaned by the War Department, under Mr. Taft, and brought direct to Chinkiang. At the latter place it was trans-shipped to Chinese junks, furnished by the Chinese government, and transported to the famine field. Thus it was carried from the mills in Minneapolis and delivered into the hands of the distributing missionaries in the famine field without the charge of a cent for transportation.

The big ship was too large to go alongside any of the wharves at Chinkiang and anchored out in the stream. Dozens of Chinese junks hovered near waiting for the word to begin unloading.

With Mr. N. J. Walker, an English member of our famine committee, who had charge of our trans-shipping work, I went aboard the Binford where we met and welcomed the representative of The Christian Herald, a representative of the American counsel-general at Shanghai, the Captain and other Officers of the ship. They told us of their trip and the wonderful send-off that had been given the relief ship at San Francisco. Gov. Gillette of California, Prof. Benj. Ide Wheeler of the DeWitt Talmage and other prominent speakers had taken part in the farewell service and wished the gallant ship God Speed.

Mr. Walker and I were then invited into the office of the quarter-master where we signed a receipt for 800,000 bags of flour, in behalf of the famine committee, and the great cargo was at our disposal. The word was passed to our Chinese helpers and in a few minutes the holds of the ship were opened and sweating, singing Chinese coolies were busy, under the direction of members of our committee, loading the flour onto the waiting junks. The work had all been carefully organized beforehand and it was a wonderful sight to stand in the hold of the ship and see the thousands of bags of precious food that had come from Christian America, prompted by the compassion which Christ had awakened in the hearts of our people.

Working night and day it took us four days to trans-ship this rich cargo from ship to junks, an average of 20,000 bags a day. Even at that we set a record on the Chinese coast for the rapid unloading of so large a cargo.

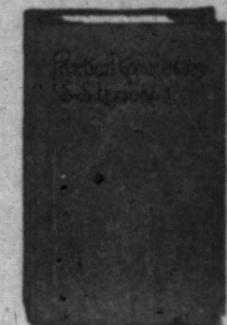
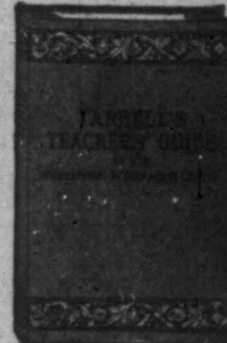
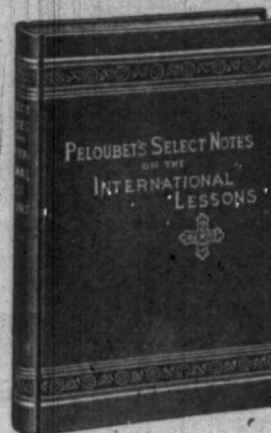
When the last junk was loaded on the fourth evening, it was the last of a long line of 54 heavily laden vessels, bearing the life-giving grain to the city where six months before I had stood and looked upon a vast throng of 350,000 famine refugees. In this way Christian America had heard the cry of China's famine camps and met it with the cargo of the beautiful white ship, which seemed like an angel of mercy sent by God's love. And surely it was.

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"Give while they live," "Save a child's life today," "Dollars or Deaths." "We will not let you starve," have been familiar headlines in recent advertisements which were making an appeal to the children in Bible Lands. The Christmas season is the time for the gifts of at least \$2,000,000. The Sunday Schools of the land have been communicated with four times from the office of the Armenian and Syrian Relief Committee, 1 Madison Ave., New York. Under the able direction of W. C. Pearce of the International Sunday School Association most of Sunday Schools were visited on one of the early Sundays in December. All over this country Sunday Schools are now prepared to render the Christmas service "Magi of To-day." Of course the people are ready to give for many have already sent in their contributions. The need is so great that every one is appealed to to co-operate to their very fullest ability. We know that the children are starving over there in the land where Jesus lived. No one should pass by on the other side or even look with mere curiosity at the terrible sight of these dying children. Every one must act the real part of The Good Samaritan and in giving remember that the Samaritan not only thought of today but also of

tomorrow ere he continued on his journey.

If any Sunday School superintendent has as yet made no preparation to have a "Giving Christmas" in his school let him begin at once to make even an eleventh hour preparation. Last year only 30,000 out of the 176,000 schools in America made any contribution for this work. The various denominations, almost without exception, are cooperating in these projected plans. In the office in New York from first to last there have been men and women working to get each school in their own denomination lined up for service in this work. The General in Chief is Rev. George T. Webb, D. D., Secretary of the Sunday School Council. That Sunday School room on the 26 floor of the Metropolitan Tower is a regular bee hive for activity. The shipping room is now working to its fullest capacity in honoring the orders for supplies that have been coming in and soon the treasury department will be working overtime receiving and acknowledging the gifts that will total \$2,000,000. This money will be received in amounts both large and small. Last year a man who read one of the advertisements wrote his check for \$1,000, pinned it to the ad and sent it to the office in New York without any further comment.

TEN THOUSAND SUBSCRIBERS TO THE BAPTIST RECORD

This is our goal for the year 1919. This is just a few over 192 per week. At the end of the first six days of January we had received 46. This is just 146 short of the average we must receive per week to reach 10,000 by January, 1920. But then this week was not a fair test, the weather was too bad.

How are we going to make this goal? By every Baptist in Mississippi yoking up to the task and pulling in dead earnest. There are 489 pastors in Mississippi. Each one of these could send us a subscriber a week. There are 867 Sunday School Superintendents. Each of these could send a subscriber a week if he would try real hard. There are in the neighborhood of 5,000 deacons in the churches of Mississippi. Each of these could subscribe for the paper and send with his subscription another. There are in round numbers 35,000 Baptist homes in Mississippi. The Baptist Record ought to go into each one of these homes. We are not doing our duty as denominational leaders if we do not put the Record into these homes.

While this campaign for new subscribers is going on let every one who is now a subscriber renew his subscription. In checking over the list I find 2,226 over-due subscribers. There are 112 who have not paid a cent since 1913. There are 199 who have paid nothing since 1914. There are 121 who have paid nothing since 1915. There are 221 who have paid nothing since 1916. There are 478 who have paid nothing since 1917. There are 1100 who have not paid since 1918.

What shall we do with these subscribers? The Board has given me preemptory instruction to run the paper on a cash paid in advance basis. Uncle Sam says that I must not mail out papers to any one who has not paid for it. Now what shall we do? We hate to cut these subscribers off, but we cannot carry them.

We are making the most liberal terms we can possible make. We are giving every subscriber until February the first. If you have not renewed by that date we will be forced to drop your name. This matter is not optional with us, it has to be done. Whatever we might be disposed to do as a denomination does not matter, Uncle Sam says it must be done.

We are depending on the pastors to make announcements from their pulpits concerning this matter. We will also send the list of any church to the pastor if he will interest himself in seeing that some one makes the canvass of the membership.

We are now busily engaged transcribing the mailing list. My how it takes time to copy five or six thousand names. But we will get through with it and we will get our new mailing system installed. Have patience with us until we do. When it is installed we hope to eliminate practically the mishaps occurring in subscribers getting their paper.

We are also going to close out the book business. If you want books now is the time to get them. We have a lot of Bible and song books. Also a few of Peloubet's supply is limited and we are not going to make another notes, and Tarbell's Teachers' Guide. Order now for the Notes on the Sunday School Lesson. Also Arnold's order for these books.

Now all together for a long pull and a strong pull.

Send check today to The Baptist Record, Jackson, Miss.

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